

Claims:

1. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
5 a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including a recess; and
a controller positioned to slide along the barrier, the controller being positioned in the recess.
- 10 2. The patient support of claim 1, wherein the barrier includes a convex surface and the controller includes a concave surface positioned adjacent to the convex surface of the barrier.
3. The patient support of claim 1, wherein the controller is indexed to inhibit improper placement of the controller in the recess.
- 15 4. The patient support of claim 1, wherein the controller is removably coupled to the barrier.
5. The patient support of claim 4, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer coupled to the housing to removably couple the housing to the barrier.
- 20 6. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including an interior surface defining an opening; and
25 a controller positioned to slide along the interior surface.
7. The patient support of claim 6, wherein the controller is removably coupled to the barrier.
8. The patient support of claim 6, wherein the interior surface is convex and the controller includes an upper surface that is concave to complement the interior
30 surface of the barrier.
9. The patient support of claim 6, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the barrier.

10. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame, the mattress having a first side and a second side transversely spaced-apart from the first side;
5 a first barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the first side of the mattress, the first barrier including a first opening formed therein; and
a controller configured to be removably received in the first opening of the first barrier.
11. The patient support of claim 10, wherein the controller is configured to
10 move along the first barrier when received in the first opening.
12. The patient support of claim 10, further comprising a second barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the second side of the mattress, the second barrier including a second opening formed therein to receive the controller.
13. The patient support of claim 11, wherein the controller is configured to
15 move along the second barrier when received in the second opening.
14. The patient support of claim 12, wherein the controller is slidably coupled to the first and second barriers when received in either of the first and second openings.
15. The patient support of claim 10, wherein the controller includes a
20 housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the first barrier.
16. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress; and
25 a controller including a housing and a flexible portion configured to couple the controller to the barrier.
17. The patient support of claim 16, wherein the flexible portion is positioned substantially around a portion of the barrier.
18. The patient support of claim 16, wherein the controller is removably
30 coupled to the barrier.
19. The patient support of claim 16, wherein the bladder includes an opening and the controller is positioned in the opening.
20. The patient support of claim 16, wherein the housing includes first and second portions and the flexible portion couples the first and second portions together.

21. The patient support of claim 18, wherein the upper surface is convex and the controller includes an upper surface that is concave to complement the upper surface of the barrier.

5 22. The patient support of claim 18, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the barrier.

23. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame, the mattress having a first side and a second side transversely spaced-apart from the first side;
a first barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the first side of the mattress, the first barrier including a first opening formed therein;
a second barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the second side of the mattress, the second barrier including a second opening formed therein;
and
a controller configured to be removably received in the first opening of the first barrier and removably received in the second opening of the second barrier.

24. The patient support of claim 23, wherein the controller is configured to move along the first barrier when received in the first opening.

10 25. The patient support of claim 24, wherein the controller is configured to move along the second barrier when received in the second opening.

26. The patient support of claim 25, wherein the controller is slidably coupled to the first and second barriers when received in either of the first and second openings.

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27. The patient support of claim 23, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the first and second barriers.

28. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the
5 barrier including upper and lower spaced-apart rails, each rail including a top surface
and a bottom surface; and
a controller removably coupled between the upper and lower rails, the
controller including a portion configured to engage the bottom surface of the upper
rail.
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a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the
15 barrier including upper and lower spaced-apart rails, each rail including a top surface
and a bottom surface; and
a controller positioned between the upper and lower rails, the
controller including a housing and a flexible portion configured to contact the upper
rail.
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30. A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the
25 barrier including a recess; and
a controller configured to be received in the recess, the controller
pivoting into the recess.